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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OAS, HR

SUBJECT: NEW HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE OVER JUNE 1977 OASGA
AGENDA

1. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR VII ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN
STATES GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD FOUR-HOUR DEBATE APRIL 6 OVER
MOVE BY INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO ADD
SPECIAL REPORTS ON URUGUAY AND PARAGUAY TO THE ASSEMBLY
AGENDA. URUGUAYAN REP OBJECTED STRONGLY TO WHAT HE
CALLED SURPRISE BREAK IN ONGOING CONSULTATIONS IN WHICH
GOU HAS COOPERATED CLOSELY WITH IAHC IN SUPPLYING DATA ON
PENDING CASES. INCLUSION OF THIS REPORT ON THE AGENDA
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WOULD PREJUDGE THE ISSUE, HE SAID. PARAGUAYAN
DENOUNCED SPECIAL REPORT AS UNILATERAL EFFORT BY IAHC,
PREPARED WITHOUT CONSULTING GOP AND WITHOUT ITS PARTICIPA-
TION.

2. VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR MACHIN SAID HE WOULD VOTE TO
ADD ANY NEW ITEM ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE AGENDA, INCLUDING

A SPECIAL REPORT ON VENEZUELA IF ONE WERE PREPARED. HE SAID BEST WAY TO COOPERATE WITH IAHRC WAS TO PERMIT IT TO VISIT; TWO MONTHS WERE LEFT TO COOPERATE IN PREPARING SPECIAL REPORTS. US DELEGATE SAID REAL QUESTION WAS

PROCEDURAL, NOT POLITICAL -- ACCORDING TO GA REGULATIONS, SPECIAL REPORTS PRESENTED BY SUBAGENCIES OF OAS SHALL BE ON THE AGENDA. WE UNDERSTOOD LONG DELAY WAS OCCASIONED BY PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS OVER SPECIAL REPORTS AND THAT IAHRC HAD DELAYED ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIAL REPORTS BECAUSE IT HAD AWAITED ANSWER FROM PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY OVER ITS REQUEST TO MAKE ON-SITE VISITS. BRAZILIAN HELD THAT SINCE REPORTS THEMSELVES HAD NOT YET BEEN PRESENTED, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO ENTER TITLES OF REPORTS IN AGENDA NOW. GUATEMALAN PROPOSED SENDING THE ISSUE BACK TO THE AGENDA SUBCOMMITTEE FOR FURTHER STUDY AND DEFERRAL OF FINAL DECISION UNTIL REPORTS WERE MADE OFFICIAL OAS DOCUMENTS. FYI: BOTH REPORTS WILL BE WRITTEN BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 11 SESSION OF THE IAHRC, THEN APPROVED, TYPED AND GIVEN TO URUGUAY AND PARAGUAY FOR COMMENT BEFORE SUBMISSION TO OASGA; INVOCATION OF REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT REPORTS TO ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS 30 DAYS BEFORE GA WOULD PRECLUDE CONSIDERATION AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNLESS ACCEPTED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY AFTER GA OPENS. END FYI.

3. CHILEAN COMPLAINED THAT IAHRC SECRETARIAT HAD ONLY GIVEN HER A COPY OF REPORT ON CHILE ON MARCH 31, AFTER SHE HAD RAISED MATTER IN PERMANENT COUNCIL, AND POUCHED CONFIDENTIAL

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COPY WOULD ONLY REACH SANTIAGO APRIL 5 OR 6, LEAVING LITTLE TIME FOR STUDY AND COMMENT BY GOC. URUGUAY REP SPOKE AGAIN, SAYING US REP MISTAKEN ABOUT SEVERAL MONTHS NEGOTIATIONS OVER A SPECIAL REPORT AND REQUEST TO VISIT URUGUAY; ON BEHALF OF GOU, HE DENIED CATEGORICALLY THAT GOU HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIAL REPORT OR HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO PERMIT AN OFFICIAL VISIT BY IAHRC. FYI:IAHRC REPS TELL US THIS IS NOT TRUE. END FYI. PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR PITY SPOKE AT SEVERAL POINTS IN RAMBLING SEMI-COHERENT FASHION, JIBING AT US FOR DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS ELSEWHERE WHILE DENYING THEM TO PANAMANIAN WORKERS; HE SUGGESTED AT ONE STAGE THAT IAHRC SHOULD BE MADE FULL TIME OPERATION IN PERMANENT SESSION WITH HIGHLY PAID COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF. IDEA WAS SEIZED UPON AND WARMLY ENDORSED BY MACHIN OF VENEZUELA.

4. MORNING SESSION FINALLY ENDED AT 3:15 WHEN DEBATE WAS SUSPENDED WITHOUT A DECISION; PREPCOM WILL RESUME CONSIDERATION AT SESSION NEXT WEDNESDAY.

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